



PATENT
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Takashi YOKOKAWA et al.) Group Art Unit: 2133
Application No.: 10/521,191) Examiner: RIZK, Samir Wadie
Filed: January 12, 2005)
For: DECODING METHOD,) Confirmation No.: 8642
DECODING APPARATUS, AND)
PROGRAM)

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

In reply to the Office Action mailed April 17, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification are included in this paper on page 3.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begin on page 4 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings are included in the attached replacement drawing sheets labeled Replacement Sheets 1/7 through 7/7, respectively. The amendments are discussed in this paper and are also illustrated in the attached annotated drawing sheet.

Remarks/Arguments follow the amendment sections of this paper, and begin on page 11.

Attachments to this amendment include:

Replacement Sheets 1/7 through 7/7, which include Figures 1-8, and

Annotated Sheets showing changes to Figure 1-8.